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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Makoto SAITO, et al.	)	
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Appln. No.: 10/671,690	)	
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Commissioner for Patents  
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STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

Applicants filed the above-identified application on September 29, 2003.

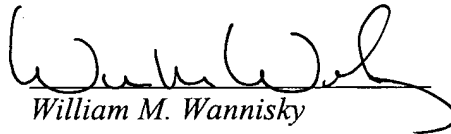
To date, Applicants have not received an Official Action on the merits from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office indicating that the case has been examined.

Applicants respectfully request that an Official Action be issued in the above-identified application.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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